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Letter dated 21 November 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 11 November 2016 from the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, transmitting the report on the international security presence in Kosovo, covering the period from 1 July to 30 September 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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Annex to the letter dated 21 November 2016 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

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In accordance with paragraph 20 of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), I hereby attach a quarterly report on Kosovo Force operations covering the period from 1 July to 30 September 2016 (see enclosure). I would appreciate your making the report available to the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Jens **Stoltenberg**

Enclosure

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Report to the United Nations on Kosovo Force operations

1. The present report on the Kosovo Force (KFOR) is provided in accordance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and covers the period from 1 July to 30 September 2016.

2. As at 30 September 2016, the total number of KFOR troops in theatre remained approximately 4,600.

3. There were no major security incidents during the reporting period.

Security situation and operations

4. During the reporting period, the security situation in Kosovo remained stable, and no inter-ethnic incidents occurred. In general, the trend is gradually growing more positive, as Serbia and Kosovo remain committed to the European Union-led dialogue process.

5. During the reporting period, KFOR continued to monitor the situation and to maintain situational awareness. KFOR also continued to work in close cooperation and coordination with the Kosovo Police and the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX). KFOR remained ready to provide immediate intervention as the third responder, if required. However, there was no requirement for direct intervention by KFOR during the reporting period.

6. The mission of KFOR to contribute to a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement has continued as part of a comprehensive international effort.

Summary

7. During the reporting period, KFOR continued to contribute to both maintaining a safe and secure environment and ensuring freedom of movement, in close coordination with EULEX and the Kosovo Police. The close coordination on the ground between KFOR, in its capacity as the third responder, and EULEX and the Kosovo Police continues to be highly effective.